Proposition 60 protects your right to choice in elections.

FULL, FREE AND OPEN DEBATE IS IMPORTANT IN A DEMOCRACY. WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HEARING DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.

That's why a century ago, ordinary citizens of California fought for their right to select political party nominees for office in direct primary elections. Proposition 60 protects that important right.

PROPOSITION 60 PROTECTS VOTER CHOICE by guaranteeing that every political party has the right to nominate candidates for partisan office in a primary election and compete in a general election. We need that choice and accountability.

PROPOSITION 60 PROVIDES A DIRECT ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSITION 62, the radical scheme to eliminate our direct primary elections.

- Proposition 62 would impose the election system from the State of Louisiana (the only state to have such a system). In Louisiana, voters' choice in a recent runoff election was a former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and a governor who later went to prison.
- Under Proposition 62, only the two top vote getters in the first round of voting would proceed to the general election. Proposition 62, effectively excludes California's five minor parties and independents from the general election. In many districts, your only choices would be two members of the same party.
- If Proposition 62's special interest scheme had been in place in 2002, six million California votes would not have been counted, and 50 different general election races would have been limited to candidates from the same party.
- Proposition 62 is sponsored by insurance companies, financial institutions and failed wealthy politicians who spent \$2 million to put their power grab scheme on the ballot.
- Proposition 62 would depress voter turnout, elevate the importance of money and fame, increase opportunities for extremist candidates and decrease opportunities for minority officeholders.
- Under Proposition 62, California's diversified Legislature with many African Americans, Latinos, Asians and female legislators will suffer and politics will return to being dominated by rich white males.
- Proposition 62 could allow the two wealthiest candidates to buy victory in the first round of voting and end up on the November ballot, making campaign finance reform meaningless.

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In dramatic contrast, PROPOSITION 60 WILL PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO CHOICE IN ELECTIONS.

PROPOSITION 60 also gives voters the chance to reduce the cost of the bonds they overwhelmingly approved in March as part of Governor Schwarzenegger's plan to help ease the state's budget crisis.

Unfortunately, those bonds carry a high price in the form of interest payments. There is a solution. Experts estimate California has more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of surplus property. By requiring that proceeds from the sale of all such surplus property be used to help pay off the bonds early, PROPOSITION 60 COULD DRAMATICALLY LOWER COSTS TO TAXPAYERS.

Vote YES on Proposition 60 to SAVE MONEY.

Vote YES on Proposition 60 to PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO CHOICE IN ELECTIONS.

Vote YES on Proposition 60 to GUARANTEE YOUR RIGHT TO HEAR ALL POINTS OF VIEW.

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